

January 26, 2006

Dale Harvey Sander

- A memorial service will be held for Dale Harvey Sander, 59, of Spearfish, at 1:00 pm Saturday, January 28, 2006 at the United Methodist Church in Spearfish with the Rev. Kip Roozen officiating. A private burial will be held prior to the services. Dale died November 27, 2005 as the result of a car accident near Zell, SD.
- Dale was born March 16, 1946 in Denver, CO, the first child of Rev. Harvey H. Sander and Carol R. (Bemmels) Sander. During his early years, he lived in Tulare, SD and Groton, SD where his father served the Methodist churches. In 1959, the family moved to Rapid City, SD and Dale graduated from Rapid City High School in 1964. He graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University in 1968 with a business degree. He then received a fellowship to the University of South Dakota and completed his MBA. Following graduation, Dale worked for the accounting firm of Saylor, Thorstenson and Co. in Rapid City. In 1970, he joined the faculty at Black Hills State College. In 1980, he again joined the accounting firm of Ketel, Thorstenson, LLP and became a partner in 1986. In 1997, Dale received the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota CPA Society for his public service work. In 2000 he went to work for RamVac in Spearfish and continued to work there until his death.
- He was united in marriage to Carol J. (Mack) Sander on June 22, 1968 in Clark, SD. They had two daughters. In May 2000, he became "Papa Dale". Being a grandfather to his three little angels was the ultimate joy in his life.
- Dale loved God, his church, his family and friends. His impeccable value system was practiced daily. With his strong faith in God, he always looked and found the good in people and situations. Dale was a natural teacher who channeled this talent into many of his passions. As an active member of the United Methodist Church, he taught Sunday school for over 25 years to children (3rd & 4th graders) as well as adults. For over 20 years, he taught the Hunter's Safety course in Spearfish and more than 2000 young hunters were guided by his knowledge. Dale was an active member of the Spearfish Kiwanis Club and in 2000, received the distinguished Hixson Award.
- As an avid hunter and fisherman, Dale loved the outdoors, especially the Black Hills. After many years of hunting and shooting, Dale was overjoyed to shoot two trophy deer in one week in November 2005.
- Dale is greatly missed by his family, friends and community. He is survived by his wife, Carol of Spearfish, SD; daughter, Cathy Matthesen, her husband John and grandsons, Jacob and Michael of Rapid City, SD; daughter Lori Scheer and granddaughter, Caroline of Allen, TX; sister Laura Goodwin of Rifle, CO; sister Ruth and her husband Rev. Eric Grinager of Watertown, SD; and several uncles, aunts and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Wanda.
- Memorial contributions will go to the building fund of the Spearfish United Methodist Church. • The Aldinger Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Spearfish has been entrusted with the arrangements.